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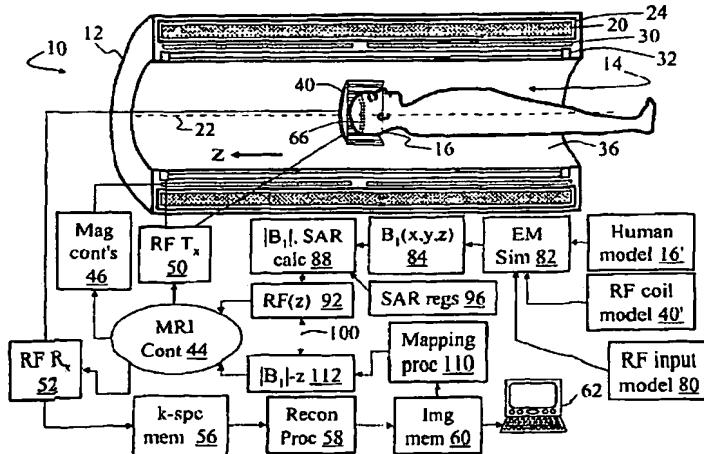
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(54) Title: B1 FIELD CONTROL IN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING



(57) Abstract: Multi-slice magnetic resonance imaging of a region of interest of an imaging subject (16) is performed using a radio frequency coil (40) arranged to generate a B₁ magnetic field in the region of interest. One or more processors (44, 82, 88, 110) determine a B₁ field value for each slice that is representative of the B₁ field over a selected area of the slice, accounting for subject effects on the B₁ field, and determine an adjusted per-slice radio frequency excitation for each slice that adjusts the B₁ field value for the slice to a selected value. A magnetic resonance imaging system (10, 44, 46, 50, 52) acquires magnetic resonance imaging data for each slice using the adjusted per-slice radio frequency excitation for that slice. A reconstruction processor (58) reconstructs the acquired magnetic resonance imaging data into a reconstructed image representation.

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